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CONTRIBUTION PROCESSING SYSTEM

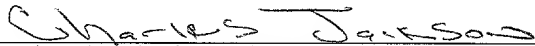
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 92, line 20 to page 93, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Under control of main control division 450 comprised of the CPU, ROM, RAM and so on, the camera-integrated digital portable telephone MS3 converts an audio signal collected with the microphone 421 in an audio communication mode, into digital audio data through the audio CODEC 459 and performs a spread spectrum process on it at the modulator and demodulator circuit division 458, and performs digital-to-analog conversion and frequency conversion processes at the sending and receiving circuit division 463, and then sends it via the antenna 414.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 93, lines 18-23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The main control division 450 performs the spread spectrum process on the text data at the modulator and demodulator circuit division 458 and performs the digital-to-analog conversion and frequency conversion processes on it at the sending and receiving circuit division 463, and then sends it to the base station CS3 (Fig. 52) via the antenna 414.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 95, lines 7-14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The demultiplexing division 457 multiplexes the coded image data supplied from the image encoder 453 and the audio data supplied from the audio CODEC 459 by a predetermined method, and performs the spread spectrum process on the resultant multiplexed data at the modulator and demodulator circuit division 458 and performs the digital-to-analog conversion and frequency conversion processes on it at the sending and receiving circuit division 463, and then sends the resultant via the antenna 414. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 24-29 as follows:

24. (New) A contribution processing device comprising:

receiving means for receiving image data of content supplied from a content providing device over a network;

display means for displaying a content display screen

having a given contribution buttons displayed thereon, based on said image data received by said receiving means;

contribution data creating means for creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

transmitting means for transmitting said contribution data created by said contribution data creating means to said content providing device over said network, wherein

said contribution data is added to user information corresponding to a user who provides said content, and a service charge for supplying said content is charged to said user information.

25. (New) A contribution processing method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving image data of content which is supplied from a content providing device over a network;

a display step of displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received by said receiving step;

a contribution data creating step of creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

a transmitting step of transmitting said contribution data created by said contribution data creating step of said content providing device over said network, wherein

said contribution data is added to user information corresponding to a user who provides said content, and a service charge for supplying said content is charged to said user information.

26. (New) A contribution accepting device comprising:

contribution data receiving means for receiving from a user's terminal contribution data equivalent to an amount decided by a user as evaluation of supplied content;

storage means for storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

charge processing means of charging said user said amount equivalent to said contribution data, wherein

said charge processing means adds said amount equivalent to said contribution data to user information corresponding to a user who supplies said content, and charges a service charge for supplying said content to said user information.

27. (New) A contribution accepting method, comprising:

a contribution data receiving step of receiving from a user's terminal device contribution data equivalent to an amount decided by a user as evaluation of supplied content;

a storage step of storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

a charge processing step of charging said user for said amount equivalent to said contribution data, wherein

said charge processing step is to add said amount equivalent to said contribution data to user information corresponding said user who supplies said content; and

to charge a service charge for supplying said content to said user information.

28. (New) A program storage medium to make an information processing device execute a program, wherein

said program comprises:

a contribution data receiving step of receiving from a user's terminal device contribution data equivalent to an amount decided by a user as evaluation of contents

a storage step of storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

a charge processing step of charging said user said amount equivalent to said contribution data, wherein said charge processing step is to add said amount equivalent to said contribution data to user information corresponding to a user who supplies said content; and charge a service charge for supplying said content to said user information.

29 (New) A contribution processing system composed of a content providing device for providing device for providing content in response to a demand and a contribution processing device for receiving said content supplied from said content providing device over a network and making a contribution to a content creator, wherein:

said contribution processing device comprises:

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display means form displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received by said receiving means;

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transmitting means for transmitting said contribution data created by said
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 said content providing device comprises:

storage means for receiving said contribution data transmitted from said
 contribution processing device over said network and storing said contribution data in
 correspondence with said content; and

charge processing means for charging a user of said contribution processing
 device an amount equivalent to said contribution data, wherein

said charge processing means adds said amount equivalent to said contribution
 data to user information corresponding to a user who supplies said content and charges a
 service charge for supplying said content to said user information.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to be consistent with the drawings and, thus, to
 correct an inadvertent error. Claims 1-29 are in this application; new claims 24-29 have been
 added. These amendments to the claims reflect the amendments to the International Application
 made under PCT Article 19. The filing fee has been calculated based upon these claims. The
 attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"** and indicate the
 changes that have been made herein to the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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